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July 2, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM:

John H. Holdridge

SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Robert Komer

You have received a letter from Robert Komer informing you that he will go to South Vietnam between July 7 and 20 (Tab B).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter to Mr. Kemer (Tab A).

Attachment

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REWRITE 11519

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Dear Bob:

I appreciated hearing from you before your trip to Vietnam and I hope this reaches you out there.

I would like to receive your impressions of the current situation, particularly on any effects of our Cambodian operations and the prospects for pacification.

Warm regards,

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Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable Robert W. Komer c/o The Rand Corporation OSD/ARPA RDFU/B APO San Francisco 96243

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23 June 1970

The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
National Security Council
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Henry:

Just in case Wayne Smith forgot to mention it, I am planning to spend two weeks in Vietnam 7-20 July. My primary aim is to review RAND's field program. A secondary aim, at Bunker's and Colby's informal invite, is to see how pacification et al have progressed since I left 20 odd months ago.

While you already have plenty of fact-finding groups in the act, I should be happy to look into any matters on which my background might give me special insight, e.g. Phung Hoang. Just let me know. In any case I could do up a trip report and send it to you, if you desire.

Incidentally, Wayne Smith is first-class. If you take him, it will be my loss, but in the national interest.

Sincerely,

R. W. Komer

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